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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM/YOUNG CONVERSATION ON THE HORN OF AFRICA

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH AMB YOUNG ON DECEMBER 22, SYG WALDHEIM SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CABLE FROM SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE THIS WEEK ASKING WALDHEIM TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES IN HAVANA AND MOSCOW TO TRY TO STOP CUBAN AND SOVIET ARMS SUPPLY TO ETHIOPIA. AFTER RECALLING THAT ETHIOPIANS AND SOMALIS HAD REJECTED HIS PUBLIC APPEAL FOR A CEASE-FIRE AND A NEGOTIATED POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, WALDHEIM SAID THAT HE HAD CABLED A REPLY (DRAFTED BY BUFFUM) BACK TO SIAD INDICATING THAT HE REMAINED FULLY READY TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO TRY TO BRING ABOUT AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT, BUT REFUSING TO MAKE A ONE-SIDED DEMARCHE AS REQUESTED BY SOMALIA. WALDHEIM SAID HE FOUND IT UNREASONABLE FOR THE SOMALIS TO SEEK HIS ASSISTANCE ON CUBAN AND SOVIET ARMS SUPPLY
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TO ETHIOPIA WHILE REJECTING UN PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS IN FAVOR OF THE OAU.

2. WALDHEIM FURTHER TOLD YOUNG THAT HE HAD CALLED IN ETHIOPIAN PERMREP MOHAMMED HAMID IBRAHIM ON DECEMBER 20 TO EXPRESS HIS VERY DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE REPORTS REACHING HIM FROM ADDIS ABABA ABOUT THE NIGHTLY KILLINGS OF 50-100

PEOPLE AND THE DISPLAY OF THEIR CORPSES IN THE STREETS. HE HAD REQUESTED THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT IN VERY SHARP TERMS TO STOP THESE KILLINGS AND BUTAL DISPLAY. HE REGARDED THIS AS A MATTER AFFECTING HUMAN RIGHTS, NOT AS INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. MOREOVER, THIS SITUATION WAS ALSO JEOPARDIZING THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEES WORKING THERE. WALDHEIM SAID THAT HE TOLD HAMID THAT IF HE DID NOT GET A SATISFACTORY REPLY, HE INTENDED TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON DECEMBER 23 APPEALING TO THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TO STOP THESE KILLINGS.

3. WALDHEIM SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT ALSO COMPLICATED THE US RESPONSE TO THE SOMALI/ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT. YOUNG REPLIED THAT OUR PRESENT POLICY WAS TO SUPPLY HUMANITARIAN AID TO BOTH SIDES BUT ARMS TO NEITHER. YOUNG

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